(b) the details of cities/towns covered by captive TV Channels and Community Radio Station in various States?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government doesn't have any scheme titled Captive TV channel in the Tenth Plan.

As far the Community Radio Station Scheme is concerned, the Government approved a scheme for the grant of licenses to well established educational institutions on 18th December 2002. So far, Letters of Intent to 30 educational institutions have been issued and 20 of them have signed License Agreement for setting up Community Radio Stations. The details of cities/towns in various States where Community Radio Stations have been set up by educational institutions are following:

Tamil Nadu—Chennai and Erode

Pondicherry

Maharashtra—Baramati (Pune)

Rajasthan—Jaipur

Uttar Pradesh—Varanasi

News and current affairs on private FM Radio

4121. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are not open to the idea of allowing news and current affairs on the private FM Radio;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had asked to a revenue share model for the private FM Radio instead of the existing license fee regime which made the business unsustainable; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (d) The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has made recommendations for Phase-II of private FM

broadcasting, *inter-alia*, contain recommendations of (i) reviewing restrictions on news and current affairs on private FM radio; and (ii) Revenue sharing @ 4% of gross revenue instead of fixed license fee as at present. The policy for Phase II of private FM Radio is under consideration.

Enactment of Optical Disc Law

4122. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating for enactment of an Optical Disc Law to prevent piracy;

(b) the safety measures against piracy that the existing laws have;

(c) the details of the cases filed during the last five years against the persons/institutions involved in piracy; and

(d) the action taken against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) The Copyright Act, 1957, which falls under the purview of the Ministry of Human Resource Development contains *inter alia* the legal provisions regarding copyright in cinematograph films and music.

This Ministry has received a proposal to enact an Optical Disc Law to counter piracy in the entertainment sector. The Ministry in consultation with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and other stakeholders is examining the need for a separate legislation for this purpose.

(c) and (d) The responsibility for dealing with offences under the Copyright Act rests with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. Copyright Enforcement cells have been set up in most States/UT Administrations.

The Central Government does not maintain any data regarding cases filed against persons/institutions involved in piracy and action taken against them, but the States/UTs have been addressed to sensitize them against the issues of growing piracy in films and music.